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SUBJECT: CLANDESTINE PRISONERS: HECTOR HIDALGO SOLAR

REF: SANTIAGO 6411

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2. REFTEL CITED REPORT TO VICARIATE OF SOLIDARITY THAT INDICATES EX-ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA, HECTOR HIDALGO SOLAR, MAY BE HELD PRISONER BY GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA IN "CONCENTRATION CAMP" IN RIO NEGRO PROVINCE. THIS IS FIRST INDICATION WE HAVE HAD OF HIS WHEREABOUTS, OR EVEN POSSIBILITY THAT HE IS STILL ALIVE. HOWEVER, WE ALSO NOTE THAT SOURCE STATES THAT ESTRELLA IGLESIAS

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AND BEATRIZ PEROSIO HELD IN RIO NEGRO FACILITY AT TIME HE WAS RELEASED IN MARCH, 1979. ACCORDING TO TESTIMONY

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GIVEN TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL IN PARIS ON JULY 4, 1979, BY ESTRELLA IGLESIAS ESPASANDIN, SHE WAS (A) DETAINED ON AUGUST 11, 1978, (B) HELD AT LA TABLADA INFANTRY REGIMENT CAMP NEAR BUENOS AIRES, WHERE SHE SAW A NUMBER

OF OTHER WOMEN "DISAPPEARED", INCLUDING BEATRIZ PEROSIO, (C) MOVED TO THIRD COMMISSARIAT OF VALENTIN ALSINA (IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, ALSO) ON SEPTEMBER 14, 1978, AND HELD INCOMMUNICADO UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 1978, WHEN SHE BEGAN RECEIVING WEEKLY FAMILY VISITS, (D) VISITED BY THE LEGAL COUNSEL OF SPANISH EMBASSY ON NOVEMBER 6, 1978, (E) TRANSFERRED TO VILLA DEVOTO PRISON, BUENOS AIRES, ON DECEMBER 22, 1978 (INCOMMUNICADO UNTIL JANUARY 19, 1979, WHEN FAMILY VISITS WERE RESUMED), (F) WENT BEFORE COURT MARTIAL ON MARCH 6, 1979 AND APRIL 7, 1979, AND (H) WAS RELEASED ON MAY 18, 1979 TO LEAVE ARGENTINA FOR SPAIN ON JUNE 13, 1979.

3. DESPITE INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN ABOVE AND STATEMENT BY SOURCE OF VICARIATE OF SOLIDARITY, AMBASSADOR HIDALGO IS KNOWN TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY VAKY AND OTHERS HERE IN THE DEPARTMENT. WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE SOME ACTION TO SECURE HIS SAFE RELEASE. WE REALIZE SENSITIVITY OF YOUR SOURCE, AND DO NOT WISH TO COMPROMISE IT. IN LIKE MANNER, WE WOULD NOT WISH TO DO ANYTHING THAT MIGHT JEOPARDIZE THE SAFETY OF AMBASSADOR HIDALGO. THEREFORE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT ACTION WE MIGHT TAKE THAT MIGHT BE PRODUCTIVE IN SECURING RELEASE OF AMBASSADOR HIDALGO WITHOUT REVEALING SOURCE OF INFORMATION OR INCREASING RISK TO HIM. VANCE

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